

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 781

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A RESOLUTION to create a special joint committee to study the creation of a state water authority.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that there is hereby created a special joint committee to study the creation of a state water authority to regulate water distribution among cities, counties, and other local governments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee shall consist of three (3) members of the House of Representatives and three (3) members of the Senate, to be appointed by the respective speakers, and three (3) members to be appointed by the Governor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Environment and Conservation and all other appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair. The Tennessee Valley Authority is also requested to provide assistance to the committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the One Hundred Sixth General Assembly no later than February 15, 2009, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.